लागू कर दी गई है ? यदि हां, तो कब से ? और कश्मीर का जो फ्रन्ट है पाकिस्तान की ओक्योपाईड टेरीटोरी में उसमें कितने गाव में या कितने एरिया में यह स्कीम लागू की गई है और कब लागू की गई है ? यदि नही, तो उसका कारण क्या है ?

SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV: In Punjab, the process has started. As has been rightly said by hon. Member, Shri Advani, in sixty villages the process has started but only in March, 1989. Decision has been taken and the process has started. In Jammu and Kashmir, it has not been introduced as yet. It is not possible for me to say right now as to when it will be introduced. As I said, the process has started and the feedback we have got shows that it is quite successful. It becomes easier for the para-military forces and the local police to work if people in the areas have identity cards. Then, you can easily identify the outsiders who come there. There are also migratory labourers. We must give them temporary cards. We have such labour in Punjab. They are also being given identity cards for one year. Let us see how it works and then we will decide.

SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: The hon. Minister has said that this identity card scheme is being implemented in the border District of Kutch in Gujarat. The Jamait-e-ulema-e-Hind, a nationalist organisation, particularly, its President, Maulana Asad Madni, who is a Member of this House, has complained to the Prime Minister in regard to the discriminatory attitude of the District officials implementing the scheme. I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether the Government have received such a memorandum and what action is being contemplated.

SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV: From time to time we have received memoranda from various organisations and we have apprised the State Governments. In this particular case also, we have advised the State Government to see that, if there are genuine grievances, these should be redressed. I can assure the hon. Members that no community or class of people will be harassed. The purpose is to help them, not to harass them.

Inquiry commissions

*403. SHRI J. P. JAVALI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what was the number of inquiry commissions set up by the Central Government since 1967;

(b) what was the number of reports pertaining to inquiry commissions that were not published; and

(c) what were the reasons for not making the reports public?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) The requisite information in respect of Commissions set up under the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1952 by the Ministeries$ Departments of the Government of India is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

SHRI J. P. JAVALI: Sir, I am very disappointed with the answer given by the hon. Minister. My questions were simple and specific. There were: What was the number of inquiry commissions set up by the Central Government since 1967? What was the number of reports pertaining to inquiry commissions that were not published? What were the reasons for not making the reports public? I have not asked about any inquiry commission reports of any State Government nor about any departmental enquiries, nor even about the Thakkar Commission. I know if I had asked that question, I would have received...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Don't bring in Thakkar Commission here.

SHRI J. P. JAVALI: The answer is that information is being collected.

SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHAKRISHNA: Only when the Minister answers the main question can he put his supplementaries.

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN: Who is asking the question?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Let me decide, please.

SHRI J. P. JAVALI: As a part of my question I am repeating this and then asking my supplementary. In the reply it is stated that the information is being collected. From that answer, I come to the conclusion that this Government does not want to make public information about these reports of Inquiry Commissions set up by the Central Government. Therefore, now it is said that it is being laid. I want to specifically know from the Minister within what time this information would be tabled.

MR. CHAIRMAN: How long will it take for you to collect the information?

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: Sir, the question relates to whole Government of India. I have to collect information from the Ministries|Departments of the Government of India because Ministries|Departments other than the Home Ministry can also set up commissions of inquiry. I do not want to give wrong information or partly correct information. I have some information about some commissions. But I cannot say that that is complete information. That is why I have said I will collect the information and lay it on the Table of the House.

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Sir, we need your protection. Government has got enough time to collect the information. Government of India is not in Timbuctoo; it is in Delhi. Can they not collect information in 15 days? Law Ministry is the nodal Ministry; Law Ministry has got all the details. Law Ministry can give all the details.

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: Sir, I may be allowed to complete my answer. Mr. Upendra need not be indignant about it. Time and again in this House, to questions embracing the whole of Government of India, we have given answers that we will have to collect information from the various Ministries|Departments and nobody protested at that time. I can only answer for the Ministry of Home Affairs. There are 50 odd Ministries|Departments which can act under this Act. I have to collect the information I can give any number of examples in today's list and yesterday's list where we have said that we will collect the information from Government of India. And I have to collect information for 22 years and in respect of all the Ministries. Give me reasonable time and I will collect it and place it.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Will you place it when Rajya Sabha meets again after the 4th of April—on 24th or so?

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: Sure I will be able to do this.

SHRI J. P. JAVALI: Sir, my question was not directed to Ministry of Law.

PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: What was the difficulty about part (b)?

MR. CHAIRMAN: He has to collect it. He has promised that when the Rajya Sabha would meet again, he would lay it on the Table of the House. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: The Law Ministry has got all the details. Are there hundreds and thousands of commissions of inquiry?

MR. CHAIRMAN: He has to collect it.

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Why has he not collected it?

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Is it the Home Ministry or the Law Ministry which is the nodal Ministry for this? Why did his Ministry accept this question?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI HANS RAJ BHARDWAJ): He says it is the Law Ministry. I would like to inform that every Ministry is a nodal Ministry for the subjects allotted to it.

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: How can every Ministry be the nodal Ministry? What is the concept of a nodal Ministry?

SHRI HANS RAJ BHARDWAJ: Mr. Sinha, after my submission, there need not be any agitation. Every Ministry appoints separate commissions of inquiry. (*Interruptions*)

MR. CHAIRMAN: He has promised to give the information.

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: No commission should be set up when without the Law Ministry's approval. How can he say that?

MR. CHAIRMAN: This question is very simple. He says that consultation with the Law Ministry or the Law Ministry's approval is not necessary. Am I correct?

SHRI HANS RAJ BHARDWAJ: Every Ministry has got subjects allotted to it. The Law Ministry has got subjects allotted to it. The Finance Ministry has got subjects allotted to it. Similarly the Home Ministry. According to the subject, the nodal Ministry is that Ministry.

MR. CHAIRMAN: You don't come into the picture?

SHRI HANS RAJ BHARDWAJ: No.

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: That is not the concept of nodal Ministry. Every Ministry cannot be the nodal Ministry. What is he talking about?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please sit down.

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: I will sit down. But I must have a clarification.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I have not permitted you.

SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV: *

MR. CHAIRMAN: Nothing will go on record. I have not permitted you. What is this? There are certain rules. आप चीफ मिनिस्टर रह चुके हैं, कैसी बात कर रहे हैं जैसे है कि मिनिस्टर ने कहा कि यह हर मिनिस्ट्री को अधिकार है कि वह कमीशन को एप्वाइंट करे। अब यह गलत है या सही है, यह बात अलग है। यह जवाब मिनिस्टर कह रहे हैं . . . (व्यवधान)

श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय : यह सवाल 20 दिन पहले पूछा गया था और 20 दिन में तो सूचना कलैक्ट कर लेनी चाहिए थी। . . . (व्यवधान)

श्री सभापति : सवाल करने वाले को यह पूछना चाहिए, आपको मैंने इजाजत नहीं दी है। . . . (व्यवधान)

SHRI J. P. JAVALI: My question specifically was addressed to the Home Minister. I want to know from the Home Minister the number of enquiry commissions set up and details about them.

SHRI JAGESH DESAI: It is not the Home Ministry alone. It is the whole Central Government.

SHRI J. P. JAVALI: The Home Ministry is the Central Government.

MR. CHAIRMAN: His reply is, he has to collect it from other Ministries. But can he tell us how many enquiry commissions have been appointed by the Home Ministry?

*Not recorded.

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: Sir, I can give information about the commissions of inquiry that have been appointed by the Home Ministry. To the best of my information, we have appointed over a period of 22 years:

(1) The Commission of Inquiry on Communal Disturbances.

(2) The Justice G. D. Khosla Commission of Inquiry.

(3) The Mathew Commission of Inquiry.

(4) The Shah Commission of Inquiry.

(5) The Maruti Commission of Inquiry.

(6) The Jaganmohan Reddy Commission of Inquiry.

(7) The Kudal Commission of Inquiry.

(8) The Thakkar Commission of Inquiry.

(9) The Justice Kuppuswamy Commission of Inquiry.

(10) The Shastri Commission of Inquiry.

(11) The Ranganath Mishra Commission of Inquiry.

(12) The Justice Sarkaria Commission of Inquiry.

If any one or two have been left out, when we meet again, I will give complete information.

श्री शान्ति त्यागी : माननीय सभापति जी, आप को याद होगा कि भारत सरकार ने एक जसवन्त सिंह जांच आयोग एप्वाईंट किया था, उसकी रिपोर्ट लगभग दो साल हुए सरकार को मिल चुकी है ...(**व्यवधान**)

SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: This has nothing to do with the Home Ministry.

श्री शान्ति त्यागी : तो माननीय मंत्री जी से जानना चाहता हूं कि यह रिपोर्ट आप को दो साल पहले मिली..

श्री वीरेन्द्र वर्मा : चार साल पहले..।

श्री शान्ति त्यागी : क्या इसकी सिफारिशों को आपने रद्दी की टोकरी में फेंक दिया है या उन पर अमल कर रहे हैं, यह जवाब दें, जसवंत सिंह आयोग की मैं बात कर रहा हूं।

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: I am grateful to the hon. Member for asking this question, because this question underlines the difficulty which I had outlined earlier. The Jaswant Singh Commission of Inquiry was appointed by the Law Ministry. Therefore, I have to collect the information on this commission of inquiry also. I will collect the information and place it on the Table of the House.

PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: The hon. Minister says that the information is being collected. I would like to know specifically as to how many Ministries in the Government of India have responded to you with regard to the commissions of inquiry that have been appointed and reports of how many commissions of inquiry are available with you, but which have been withheld from the public. And if they have been withheld, what are the reasons therefor?

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: Many Ministries have not yet responded because after this question came, we addressed the Ministries and they have to look into the records spreading over 22 years. To the extent I have been able to gather the information, I am willing to share it with you. I have with me a list of twelve commissions of inquiry. I can also give you the dates on which the reports of these commissions were placed before the Lok Sabha and this House. If you want to know about any particular commission I have listed, I am willing to share with you the information. But, Sir, there are about 52 Ministries and departments and I cannot say now how many have responded and how they have responded. I will have to collect it first. That is what we are collecting.

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: I can offer my help to him to collect the information sitting in the library, if he agrees.

PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Sir, I was simply asking from amonst the ministries from whom he had asked for information, how many Ministries have responded and how many commissions of inquiry have been appointed under those Ministries and reports of how many commissions of inquiry have been withheld and the reasons for withholding them.

श्री सभापति : जवाब दे दिया है... (व्यवधान)

PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: We seek your protection, Sir. I would like to have information, Sir. How many Ministries have responded and how many reports were withheld and the reasons therefor.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Do you assume the charge of being a nodal Ministry for all this?

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: No, Sir. I don't, I am only trying to answer a question which was asked in the Rajya Sabha because somebody has to collect the information. If you had put this question to the Law Minister, he would have given the same answer that he would collect the information. I am just taking upon myself the responsibility of collecting the information.

PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: May I conclude that they have not received a reply from any Ministry?

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: Many Ministries would have given an interim reply that they are collecting the information.

PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: He has not given any reply to my question. He has been selective. I was talking about other Ministries...

MR. CHAIRMAN: There are a number of Ministries.

PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: No, Sir. I asked how many Ministers had responded. My question was very simple.

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: Sir, I seek your indulgence. It is just like a bowler bowling googly balls and the batsman is batting very carefully. Unnecessary facade has been created. He is telling us that he is enquiring and getting the information. Nobody should get...

SHRI N. K. P. SALVE: I don't know whether he has played cricket or not, but the googly bowling has to be faced very carefully.

MR. CHAIRMAN: He is a cricketer.

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: He is the Chairman of the Cricket Control Board.

MR. CHAIRMAN: He has clean bowled many people.

SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV: What type of bowling is Mr. Kulkarni doing, Sir?

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: My colleague, being Chairman of the Cricket Control Board, has got better experience to know whether it is a leak or fraud or googly. Sir, the hon. Minister has said that during the last 22 years many Commissions have been appointed reports of which might have come, and some have been withheld and some might not have come. I am specifically concerned because since the country attained freedom there were many Commission reports for the last 30 or 35 years and they are lying in the cupboards of the Home Ministry. I am particularly concerned about Maharashtra-Karnataka border dispute report submitted by Justice Mahajan *(Interruptions)*... Why are you asking Mr. Shankaranand? He is a Karnataka man. Don't ask him. Sir, being the Home Minister and asking a Karnataka man, I take strong objection. ...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mr. Kulkarni, please hear me. You don't sit here as Maharashtrian. He does not sit here as Kannadiga. I don't sit here as Madhya Pradeshi.

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: Mr. Chidambaram is either consulting Mr. Shankaranand who is from Karnataka or Mr. Bhardwaj who is poking his nose.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mr. Bhardwaj is not from Karnataka.

SHRI LAL K. ADVANI: Governor of Maharashtra.

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: Sir, you were the Governor of Maharashtra and you have got sympathy for us. I want to plead with you that the veteran leader, S. M. Joshi is very critical. His life has been spent on solving this problem. Will the Minister assure us that some day the Mahajan Commission report would be discussed here and some action would be taken by the Government of India?

SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: It should be accepted.

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: You discuss the report. I am not asking you but I am asking the Minister.

SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Your commitment was to accept it.

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: It was in the night. You took away our Chief Minister and got signed one paper and that is the commitment and you know how are the nights?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mr. Kulkarniji, you know and Mr. Hanumanthappa knows that the two Chief Ministers are talking about it.

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: Sir, the point is, the Home Minister has to assure that there will be a discussion on this in this House. We must discuss the report and find a way out.

SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: There must be a finality for all these things. . . (*Interruptions*)

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: Sir, let there be a general consensus.

SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: That is a settled issue. Don't create disturbances . . . (*Interruptions*)

SHRI P. CHIDAMARAM: Sir, with great respect to the views of the hon. Member, Mr. Kulkarniji, it is precisely because one has to be very careful in answering questions of this nature, I need time to collect informaton . . . (*Interruptions*)

PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTACHARJEE: Considering the youth of the Minister it is not surprising what he has said. But my submission would be that before the question is admitted there should be something to decide that so many years can be covered or so many years cannot be covered. Even that question of 52 Ministries being involved, then, the Home Ministry could have said that they are not in a position to give a reply to this question, it should be shifted from the Home Ministry. Anyway, when the question has practically been modified in the House only with regard to the Home Ministry, the Minister recounted, what we are concerned with. I think it is concerned with the Home Ministry and not Karnataka. Would he kindly say in terms of the question put how many reports were published, how many reports out of this were not published and how many reports were accepted by the Home Ministry and what further action has been taken on them by the Home Minister?

MR. CHAIRMAN: His question is limited to the Home Ministry.

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: Sir, I have information in respect of various Ministries for the period 1-1-75 to 31.12.85. I have information regarding the Gangeshwar Prashad Commission. The date of appointment, 8-7-77, date of submission of report 8-9-77. Tht Sarkaria Commission, 3-2-76, first report 19-1-77, final report 23.2.78. Vimad Lal Commission, 19-5-77, first report, 1-6-78, final report 30.10.78. The Reddy Commission, 14-6-77, the first report 30-11-77, second report

23-3-78 and third and final report 23-6-78. The Grover Commission, 23-5-77, first report 10-1-78, final report 15-3-79. The Ray Commission, 18-6-81. Sir, this Commission could not continue its work because of stay orders passed by the Madras High Court and subsequently by the Supreme Court and after the passing away of Shri M. G. Ramachandran, I think, this Commission was wound up. The Koshi Commission, 23-4-77, the Judge resigned. The Alva Commission 13-5-77, interim report, 27.2.78, judge resigned on 17-2-79. Well, the matter is *sub judice*. The Deshpande Commission, 30-11-76, 13-4-77. The Mathur Commission, 1.9.85, resigned on 29-10-85. The Shastri Commission 13-11-85, March, 1987. Kudal Commission, 17-2-82, six interim reports, 4-1-85, 22-4-85, 24-7-85, 16-12-85, 11-6-86, 30-10-86 and final report 29-1-84, The Thakkar Commission, 20-11-84, interim report 19-11-85, final report 27-2-86, The Second Press Commission, 29-5-78, 3-4-82. Sir, may I say with humility you will appreciate that we have done a lot of work. In a few days, we have collected information and more information... (*Interruptions*).

PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTACHARJEE: What about the action taken? Will the information be supplied later on?

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: I have to give a detailed report. I will have to collect the full information, prepare it and place it on the Table of the House.

MR. CHAIRMAN: He will place it on the Table of the House.

PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTACHARJEE: If it is not possible to lay it in this Session, then it should be done in the next Session.

श्री सभापति : यह सेशन तो खत्म हो रहा है, तीन दिन तो बढ़ाया गया है।

PROF. (MRS.) ASIMA CHATTERJEE: May I know from the hon. Minister, through you, Sir, whether it is obligatory on the part of the Central Government to make an Inquiry Commission's report public?

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: Sir, unless a notification is made under sub section (5) of section 3 of the Act and approved by Parliament under sub-section (6) of section 3 of the Act, it is obligatory to place the report under sub section 4 of section 3. But if a notification is made under section 3 sub-section (5) and is approved by Parliament, it is not obligatory to place it on the Table of the House.

Export of prawns from Visakhapatnam

*404. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that prawns export from Visakhapatnam is passing through a phase of uncertainty despite its abundance in the Bay of Bengal;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what action is being taken or is likely to be taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) to (c) For sometime, there was uncertainty in export of prawns through Visakhapatnam on account of the non-availability of reefer sailings to Japan, which is our principal market for prawn and the levy of purchase tax by the Andhra Pradesh State Government at the rate of 6.5 per cent on products procured from local sources for export. MPEDA is making efforts to resolve the problem of arranging Reefer Sailings. The Andhra Pradesh State Government has since abolished purchase tax on shrimp and the seafood processors have resumed their operations from 27th January, 1989.